

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-48 are cancelled and new claims 49-102 are added.

Entry of the above-amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application. The above application corresponds to an application originally filed in German. The above amendment revises the application as translated into English to be in a format more closely corresponding to that customarily employed in U.S. patent practice and to eliminate multiple dependent claims. None of the revisions to the claims are intended to be narrowing. None of the revisions to the specification add new matter.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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